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### Transmittal Letter New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) Sole Inventor

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application in the name of Jeffrey Mark LaFortune, residing at 1081 North Lake Street, Neenah, WI 54956.

Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of 28 pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and thirty-four (34) claims.
3. Eight (8) sheets of drawings.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.
6. And, if indicated:
  - ☐ A preliminary amendment.
  - ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.
  - ☐ A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).

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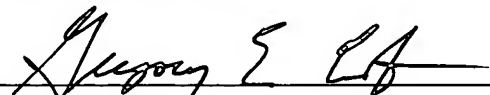
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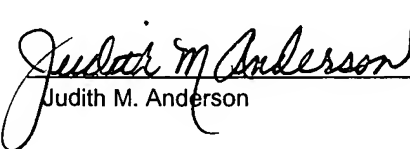
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I, Judith M. Anderson, hereby certify that on December 29, 2003 the aforementioned documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. ET 811248435 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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